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Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week ending October 22, 2006

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 22, 2006**. Rainfall this week has delayed harvesting and fall planting activities for most operations. Pastures are turning green while lakes and ponds are refilling. Sightings of armyworms were reported in north Mississippi. Soil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 43 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/22/06

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, open bolls	100	100	100	100
Cotton, harvested	92	90	87	70
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	98	97	100	100
Peanuts, harvested	70	60	--	--
Rice, harvested	100	99	99	97
Soybeans, harvested	99	98	97	87
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	85	80	89	82
Winter Wheat, planted	28	26	--	29
Winter Wheat, emerged	16	10	--	17

Crop condition for week ending 10/22/06

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	20	20	25	34	1
Pasture	23	31	29	17	0
Winter Wheat	0	0	56	38	6

Comments

“Wet weather and wet fields stopped all field work for the week.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Recent rains have prevented field work, but have been favorable for cool season crops that were planted.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“There was a heavy rain on Monday of up to 8 inches. It more than dampened chances for field work for the rest of the week. Rain again covered us on Thursday. It brought an inch or more of rain to some areas of the county. We will need several days of dry conditions to get back to the field.”

— Betsy K. Padgett, Holmes

“We have received 7.6 inches of rain in the past 7 days. It’s too bad that it couldn't have been spread out over the summer growing season. There was a little ice on the windshield and scattered frost.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Rainfall totaling 5 to 7 inches fell during the week. Two separate fronts moving through replenished area ponds and lakes. Winter grazing was improved greatly while the harvesting of beans and cotton slowed.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Rains this week were welcome. We wish we could have spread the amount out over a few days. We had as much as 7 inches in some areas during one day. I had 4 inches one day and 3 inches the next. Rain was good but there was too much too fast. It halted all of the cotton harvesting activities. Hopefully we can get back into the fields next week.”

— Bill Maily, Hinds

“Recent rainfall has been a plus for cattle and vegetable producers but has presented a problem for the cotton crop that has not been completely harvested.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Rainfall during the week did not allow us to finish harvesting and planting wheat. We should get back in the field today. Our wheat acreage has significantly increased this fall.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Recent rains have brought the wheat up to a stand and it looks good. The rest of the wheat will be planted in the next few days, weather permitting. If producers get four or five days they will wrap up the cotton harvest.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Prior to the rain we got late last week, there was a lot of land being broken up to prepare for planting wheat. I am predicting record wheat acreage to be planted this year.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The rain delayed harvesting for a couple of days. Producers are harvesting soybeans and cotton between showers.”
— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Cotton harvesting stopped due to rainfall, but we are within 5 working days of being through. Fall armyworms continue to show up in our ryegrass and food plots. Even 2 to 4 inches of rain did not stop them.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Over 3 inches of rainfall from two separate storms have stopped all field operations for the next week. There is not much activity on the farm now. Wheat is emerging and future planting will have adequate moisture for germination.”
— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/22/06													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Cleveland	87	44	64	63	1	4.87	4.31	3	4.87				
Lambert	91	37	63			2.21	1.53	3	2.21				
Tunica	87	39	62	62		1.48	0.71	4	1.63				
Extreme/Average	91	37	63	62	1	3.54	2.81	3	3.54				
North-Central													
Calhoun City	85	36	60	61	-1	5.20	4.56	3	5.58				
Hickory Flat	85	35	58	59	-1	2.40	1.68	3	2.46				
Independence	85	36	59	60	-1	1.84	1.17	3	1.98				
Oxford	87	39	61	60	1	3.08	2.23	4	3.08				
Extreme/Average	87	35	60	60		3.13	2.37	3	0.00				
Northeast													
Booneville	86	42	62	59	3	3.42	2.68	4	3.44				
Iuka	82	31	56	57	-1	3.37	2.61	4	3.37				
Ripley	83	34	57	58	-1	2.08	1.35	3	2.08				
Tupelo	81	43	62			3.45	0.00	4	3.45				
Verona	86	38	60	61	-1	4.42	3.78	3	4.50				
Extreme/Average	86	31	60	60		3.31	2.57	3	4.50				
Lower Delta													
Moorhead	87	42	63	64	-1	4.93	4.20	5	5.30				
Rolling Fork	92	42	64	64		7.85	6.94	5	7.98				
Stoneville	88	43	64	63	1	7.05	6.33	4	7.06				
Yazoo City	83	43	64	64		7.96	6.99	3	8.02				
Extreme/Average	92	42	64	64		6.61	5.78	5	6.18				
Central													
Canton	90	39	65	63	2	7.80	7.01	5	7.92				
Carthage	88	38	65	62	3	5.22	4.49	5	5.36				
Eupora	86	35	60	61	-1	6.71	5.91	4	6.73				
Lexington	88	38	63	62	1	10.22	9.41	4	10.30				
Extreme/Average	90	35	63	62	1	7.49	6.70	5	9.11				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	86	36	59	61	-2	4.46	3.62	4	4.46				
Houston	85	35	60	59	1	4.66	3.96	6	4.73				
Philadelphia	88	45	70	62	8	7.45	6.68	3	7.45				
State University	88	30	60	62	-2	9.01	8.27	5	9.01				
Extreme/Average	88	30	60	62	-2	6.04	5.30	5	6.74				
Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	43	66	65	1	6.21	5.51	5	6.31				
Natchez				66		6.59	5.70	5	6.80				
Oakley	90	42	69	63	6	5.34	4.55	4	5.45				
Vicksburg	89	44	64			9.71	0.00	5	9.71				
Extreme/Average	90	42	65	64	1	7.96	7.16	5	9.71				
South-Central													
Collins	87	44	65	63	2	2.60	1.83	4	2.60				
Columbia	90	48	69	65	4	2.97	2.21	5	3.27				
Tylertown	89	48	68	66	2	5.21	4.36	6	5.61				
Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	90	49	71	65	6	2.68	1.90	2	3.06				
Laurel	89	44	67	63	4	2.34	1.64	5	2.41				
Newton	90	33	62	62		3.23	2.45	5	3.25				
Coastal													
Gulfport	82	54	72	68	4	2.94	2.44	3	3.12				
Pascagoula 3 NE				67		1.14	0.43	2	1.41				
Picayune	90	54	73	66	7	2.80	2.16	3	2.80				
State	92	30	63	63		5.16	4.40	4	5.97				

DFN = Departure from Normal.